GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SURVEY FOR MADHYA PRADESH RAIL LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have conducted any survey for Godian−Balaghat−Jabalpur and Indore−Manmad broad gauge rail line;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the funds allocated and spent so far on these projects till date; and

(c) the time by which work on the said projects are likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Gauge conversion of Gondia−Jabalpur (including Balaghat−Katangi) is a sanctioned project, where Gondia−Balaghat section has been completed and commissioned and the work is in progress on the remaining portion. An expenditure of Rs. 167.45 crore has been incurred on the project till 31.03.2006. An outlay of Rs. 57.40 crore has been provided for the project in the Budget 2006−07. A survey for construction of a new broad gauge line between Manmad and Indore via Dhule−Nardana−Shirpur (350 Kms) was completed in 2004−05. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this line has been assessed as Rs. 1001.16 crore with a negative rate of return. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has been requested to consider sharing of 50% cost of this project.